

Club News:

We had two visitors at our January meeting, Jim Wagner & Mike Miller. Jim Wagner joined the club. Mike Sell asked for volunteers to search for a class ring. They searched but did not find the ring.

We would like to thank Bob Shaffer & Albert Medlock for the food that was provided at the meeting.

Marty Pratt & Larry Knobbe are responsible for food for the February meeting.

I encourage all current members to attend, as this will be a very interesting meeting.

Guest Speaker

Our Guest for the 27th will be: Robert "Bob" Luddy, President of Brandy Station Foundation.

Bob Will graciously share with us the history of this incredible structure that still stands today after many years after the Civil War, along with the stories that have just recently been uncovered beneath the wallpaper of this historic house. Along with MARS Club member, Bobby LaLuna, who will share his personal photos taken last fall during his visit of the Graffiti House.

We promise you do not want to miss this Meeting, as it will be fun, and most informative as well!!

The Battle of Brandy Station, June 9, 1863

The Battle of Brandy Station was one of history's greatest cavalry engagements with over 20,000 troops, including 17,000 cavalry, engaged in battle. Although the Union advance was repelled, the overwhelming dominance of the Confederate cavalry was broken.

The Graffiti House served as a field hospital for the South during this and other local battles during the war. It also served as a headquarters facility for the Federal forces during the winter encampment of 1863-64. Soldiers from both sides made drawings and signed their names and units on the walls. Rediscovered in 1993, much has been preserved.

Weblink: <http://www.brandystationfoundation.com/>

Election Results

We would like to thank all of our old officers as well as wish all of our new officers a great term in office. Your new club officers are as follows:

President: James Been
Vice-President: Phil McCutcheon
Secretary: not filled
Treasurer: Mike Sell
Board: Jerry Boston

As the out going Club Secretary I would like to say it has been fun & thank all of you who have made my term in office a pleasure.

Note from the President:

I James Been, am very proud to be the new president of MARS.

With the change in Presidency, there will also be other additional changes, including a change in the meeting format. The club business portion of the meeting will be kept as brief as possible. Giving more time for people to mingle and share conversations of their own. Thank you all for your support of MARS, and remember that this club belongs to the members, that's YOU. Without member participation and volunteers, your club will collapse

The February meeting is Wed. the 27th. At 7:30PM.

BOARD WINNERS

Land – Scott Preto

Water – No one

War Relic – Marty Pratt

Display – Randy Jordan

Leg of gold name drawn – Stefan Rossario

50/50 – Larry Knobbe

Silver coin – Jim Wagner

PICTURE GALLERY





